

Petition filed against police in Humeira case

KARACHI, Jan 1: Seven women organizations, fighting for the legal rights of women, on Friday filed a petition in Sindh High Court, demanding the registration of an FIR against DSP of Nazimabad Ali Abbas Khokhar, his father, MPA Abbas Khokhar, and the SHO of Gulberg police station and proper security to Humeira Mahmood.

These organizations, including the Women's Action Forum, Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Aid Office, War Against Rape and others making party the Sindh Home Secretary, Inspector-General of police, SP-Central, DSP-Nazimabad, SHO-Gulberg police station and Deputy Commissioner of Central urged the court to call the relevant record against Humeira and her husband, Mahmood Butt, in the court and to make some competent and honest officers responsible to investigate the matter.

According to the petition, police raided the Edhi Home and took away Humeira, 28, daughter of Mohammad Abbas Khokhar, an MPA of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League from Okara.

Humeira had married a man of her choice and had taken shelter at the Edhi Home on Nov 27 and apprehended that her family would kill her. Mahmood Butt has been in hiding since the couple left Lahore a month ago.

Humeira requested Sattar Edhi to arrange a US visa for her as she wanted to leave the country with her husband and mother-in-law, both of whom are already holding US green cards.

Humeira also produced her Nikahnama which was also taken away by the raiding party. She had been engaged to her paternal cousin in her tender age, and never agreed to it as he was a drunkard and a very cruel person like the rest of his family members. A family friend managed this Nikkah about one-and-a-half-year ago. Her family did not accept the bond and they tried to get her married with her former fiance. — PPI